

Careers Newsletter

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Dear Year 10 and Year 11 Parents, Carers and Students,

ALL ABOUT APPRENTICESHIPS... this is Apprenticeship Week and so please see below for a list of free events that the ASK Programme will be hosting during National Apprenticeship Week 7 – 12th February 2023. I have also listed lots of apprenticeship vacancies that are currently advertised etc.

WORK EXPERIENCE GALORE... lots of opportunities for work experience included in this edition (and also please refer back to 16th December edition).

If you have any questions please do get in touch <u>vmartin@severnvaleschool.com</u>

Kind regards,

Virginia Martin, Careers Leader

For information on how to find an apprenticeship you can either search via local college apprenticeship vacancy pages, individual company vacancy pages, via the national <u>Find an</u> <u>Apprenticeship</u> website or via Unifrog.

A good starting point is via the national apprenticeship search engine - <u>Find an apprenticeship -</u> <u>GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u> On this website you can search by Job Title or Employer and narrow it down by putting in your location and how far you are willing to travel.

Find an apprenticeship

Search and apply for an apprenticeship in England

Search Browse	
Keywords (optional) Can include job title, employer or reference number All Business Administrator	Search by Job Title or Employer
Your location	
Enter postcode, town or city or <u>use current location</u> GL4 8AX	Put in your home postcode
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Apprenticeship level All levels	How far are you able to travel for work?

ARMY APPRENTICESHIPS – if you are interested in going to Harrogate then these talks are for you. This half term the Army are offering the opportunity of attendance at one of their role briefings by soldiers experienced in their field. These briefs are also attended by recruiters to answer any questions. They take about one and a half hours subject to the Q &A session and take place in Gloucester.



$ENGINEERING \ APPRENTICESHIPS \ - \ if \ you \ are \ interested \ in$

Engineering.

get	Gloucestershire Engineering Training
	GET Open Evening
	Tuesday 7 th February 2023
	4:30pm to 6:30pm
Are you interested in a	
	t more about what's involved?
Then come along to ou	r open evening
	f people available to support you, including:
Apprentices Delivery Staff	 to share with you their views and experiences
Delivery Starr	 to discuss the programme content and provide demonstrations in the classrooms and workshop
Learner Services Sta	
	Please note booking is essential and
r	nust be booked in advance using this link
	or using the QR code below
	Barnwood Point, Corinium Avenue
	Barnwood, Gloucester, GL4 3HX
An	y questions please contact apply@get-trained.org

NHS APPRENTICESHIPS – if you are interested in an NHS apprenticeship – please see the below links.

NHS Apprenticeships

• Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Eventbrite Page (use to advertise all our Career events, Trust Open Days and virtual Career Awareness Q & A sessions

<u>https://www.eventbrite.com/o/gloucestershire-hospitals-nhs-foundation-trust-38290116643</u>
NHS Jobs - https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/

• GHFT Apprenticeships page - <u>https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/work-for-us/apprenticeships/</u>

GHFT Work Experience page - <u>https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/work-for-us/work-experience/</u>

- GHC Apprenticeships & Work Experience page <u>https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/get-involved/jobs/</u>
- Skills for Health HASO Pathways https://haso.skillsforhealth.org.uk/web-resources/
- Step Into the NHS Quiz https://www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/
- Amazing Apprenticeships <u>https://amazingapprenticeships.com/</u>
- Find an Apprenticeship https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship
 - NHS Health Careers <u>Health Careers</u> |

Kohler Mira APPRENTICESHIPS – We are now fast approaching our 8th of February deadlines for our apprenticeship applications for Kohler Mira. If you would like to apply for our Business or Engineering Apprenticeships, or just read more about them, then please visit <u>Early</u> <u>Career Opportunities at Kohler Mira by Mira Showers</u> to see more. As well as all this, tells you how to apply for the roles. Please note that we ask for a covering letter when applying, so please attach this along with any CV / application that you submit!



BorgWarner APPRENTICESHIPS – I am delighted to confirm that for 2023 we have 15 vacancies for Level 3 Advanced Manufacturing Craft or Maintenance engineering apprenticeships on offer with a deadline for applications on <u>Friday March 24th 2023</u>. <u>We would be delighted to</u> <u>welcome any of your pupils to visit us for our annual apprentice recruitment open day that is</u> <u>taking place this year on Thursday February 16th, between 12.00 – 20.00.</u>

No appointment is necessary, and the event will allow prospective applicants an ideal opportunity to learn more about our business, find out from our existing apprentices exactly what they can expect from a BorgWarner apprenticeship and undertake a guided tour of the plant, importantly asking any questions that they may have. We would also encourage them to bring along family and friends too, so that they can understand the importance that we attach to our apprenticeship programme.

BorgWarne	Job Description	BorgWarner Job Description		
Division	BorgWarner Technologies Ltd	Division	BorgWarner Technologies Ltd	
Position Description	Apprentice Maintenance Engineer A Level Three Advanced Apprenticeship scheme with the purpose of building knowledge and developing the skills required to fulfill the position of skilled Maintenance engineer within Borg/Warner Technologies Ltd.	Position Description	Craft Apprentice – Mechanical Engineering Manufacture A Level Three Advanced Apprenticable scheme with the purpose of building knowledge and developing the schill required to fulfill the position of skilled Manufacturing Craft within BorgWamer Technologies Ltd.	
Location	Stonehouse, Gloucestershire	Location	Stonehouse, Gloucestershire	
Start Date	September 2023 Date TBC	Start Date	September 2023 Date TBC	



CONSTRUCTION - Barnwood Group Careers Event - We are holding a careers event on the 23rd February at Kingsholm Stadium from 4-6pm. Please could I ask that you share the attached information with any students who may be considering an apprenticeship or career within the construction industry.



APPRENTICESHIPS – want to find out more? Please see attached a list of free events that the ASK Programme will be hosting during National Apprenticeship Week 7 – 12th February 2023.

Monday 6th February – Launch Day

16:30 "Welcome to the World of Apprenticeships" Eventbrite Link - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcome-to-the-world-of-apprenticeships-1630pm-tickets-482331956867

18:00 "Welcome to the World of Apprenticeships" Eventbrite link - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcometo-the-world-of-apprenticeships-6pm-tickets-482974157707

19:00 "Welcome to the World of Apprenticeships" Eventbrite link - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcometo-the-world-of-apprenticeships-1900-tickets-48379842310

Tuesday 7th February – Employers

16:00 "Meet the Employer Unilever" Eventbrite link - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-unileverapprenticeship-program-tickets-515036015587

18:00 "Meet the Employer - Coventry Council Apprenticeships" Eventbrite linkhttps://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-employer-coventry-council-apprenticeships-6pm-tickets-489662743447

18:00 "Apprenticeships with West Midlands Police PC David Manns & PC Amy Davies" Eventbrite linkhttps://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeships-with-west-midlands-police-pc-david-manns-pc-amy-daviesregistration-507575270297

18:00 "Apprenticeships with Doc Martens" Eventbrite link - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-theemployer-doc-martens-tickets-507542371897

Wednesday 8th February – Apprentices

16:30 "Meet the Apprentice from Finn Cat" https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-apprentice-from-finn-cat-engineering-430pm-tickets-511818211047

17:00 "Meet the Apprentice from Doc Martens Eventbrite Link - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-theapprentice-doc-martens-tickets-507602060427

17:30 "Meet the Apprentice – Digital Marketing with John Francis" Eventbrite linkhttps://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-apprentice-digital-marketing-with-john-francis-tickets-510508202777

18:00 "Food for thought! Talking about Apprenticeships with Mondelez International" Eventbrite linkhttps://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/food-for-thought-talking-about-apprenticeships-with-mondelezinternational-registration-51482207568

Thursday 9th February – T Levels

18:00 "Welcome to the world of T Levels" Eventbrite link - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcome-to-the-world-of-t-levels-6pm-tickets-484399340467

Saturday 11th February – Parents/Carers Day

9:30 "A Parents & Carers Guide to understanding Apprenticeships" Eventbrite link https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-parents-carers-understand-the-apprenticeship-pathway-tickets-483253061917

10:30 "A Parents & Carers Guide to understanding Apprenticeships" Eventbrite link – https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-parent-carers-guide-to-understanding-apprenticeships-tickets-482516739557

11:30 "A Parents & Carers Guide to understanding Apprenticeships" Eventbrite link - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-parent-carers-guide-to-understanding-apprenticeships-tickets-483291707507

There are 4 main choices on how to study Post-16: T'levels, A'levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships and to make it even more complicated within BTECs and Apprenticeships there are different levels of qualifications ranging from Level 1 to Level 3. GCSE estimated grades will give Y11 students some guidance on which of the course might be the best one(s) for them to consider and I would always recommend students have an 'aspirational choice' and a 'safe choice' (similar to how university choices are done).

T'levels – Gloucestershire's Cirencester College has been at the heart of these pioneering qualifications. They are a 2 year technical study programmes designed in partnership with employers that combine class room training and a 45+ day industry placement. Cirencester Collage and Gloucestershire College both have a selection of T-levels that include subjects as diversity as Floristry and Garden Design to Adult Nursing and Events and Venue Technicians. These courses have been devised in close contact with employers to ensure that students have the practical skills to ensure they are 'work ready'.

A'levels – are Level 3 qualifications, are studied across 2 years and students normally study 3 A'levels plus an additional qualification like EPQ or completing DofE Gold etc. Some university courses will expect students to have studied certain subjects at A'level and as a rule of thumb it would be beneficial to have a 6+ at GCSE in order to study a subject at A'level.

BTECs – are practical-based, vocational qualifications. They can be studied at a college or some schools and they provide the opportunity to gain hand-on experience in a field or subject. BTEC Level 1 & 2 are equivalent to GCSEs and Level 3 is equivalent to A'levels. Students can progress from a L1 through to a L3, normally over a 3 year period.

In addition to the above, colleges like Cirencester college offer Access courses (meaning students may spend 3 years rather than 2 at the college) e.g. Access to A'levels, is a foundation year getting students ready to take A'levels and the T-level Transition Programme (see below for more information)

College

We are extremely lucky in Gloucestershire to be served by a wide variety of colleges, all of which have different strengths and focuses. From Hartpury's countryside management course through to SGS's Sports Journalism BTEC, no matter what your passion there are Post-16 courses to aid you to get your dream job. Please click on the below college name to be taken to their website. Below you will also find up-to-date information on college open-days and taster sessions.

During the summer holidays Y10s need to research the different colleges and decide if they are interested or not in any of the courses they have to offer – please note not all of Gloucestershire College's courses are in Gloucester and some of SGS's courses are in fact in Bristol!

Colleges offer students the chance to study different qualifications –T-Levels (Gloucestershire College and Cirencester College), A'levels (Hartpury College & Cirencester College) and BTECs (all of the below)

<u>Cirencester College</u> – You will need to book onto their open days and register to find out about set courses – Applications opened In January 2023 for the March Open-Day. Applications for joining CC are open now.

Cirencester College	Saturday	25th	March	2023	10am-3pm
Cirencester College	Thursday	29th	June	2023	5pm - 8pm
Cirencester College	Tuesday	7th	March	2023	Evening TBC

<u>Gloucestershire College</u> - Please apply for Gloucestershire College by March at the latest as while they will accept applications after this date they have a cut-off for guaranteeing venues – e.g. you may end up being offered a course in Cheltenham rather than Gloucester.. remember this is GLOUCESTERSHIRE college and they have sites in Forest of Dean, Gloucester and Cheltenham.

Gloucestershire College - Apprenticeship Open Evening	Wednesday	15th	March	2023	5pm-8pm
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GET- Gloucestershire Engineering and Training Centre



<u>Hartpury College</u> – Any Year 10s who are interested in going to Hartpury College please note that you will need to book onto their open-days in June 2023 (when you are in Year 10) for open-days for September 2023 onwards – by the time you come back for Y11 in September most of Hartpury College Open-days for 23/24 will already be fully booked.

Hartpury College	Saturday	11th	February	2023	From 9am	Fully Booked
Hartpury College	Saturday	11th	March	2023	From 9am	Fully Booked

<u>MPCT</u> – Military Preparation College <u>MPCT Prospectus 2022/23</u>

Stage Door Learning -

South Gloucestershire & Stroud (SGS) -

South Gloucestershire and Stroud College (SGS) - All sites	Thursday	27th	April	2023	5.30pm

Remember you can have a number of applications accepted at a number of post-16 venues and you do not need to decide which place you are going to take up until GCSE results day.

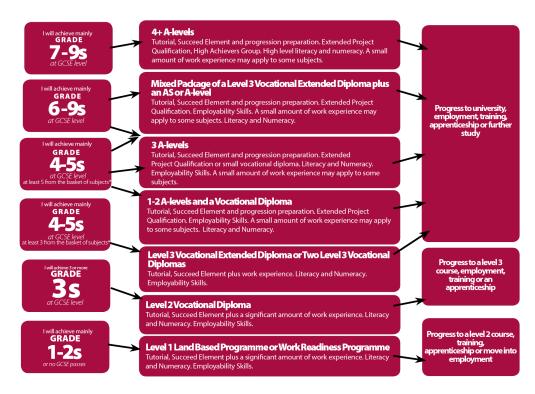
Also remember that the offers are 'conditional'... meaning you will only get the place if you attain the GCSE grades that they require – e.g. if your offer is for 5 x GCSEs at Grade 4 and above... you will need to get this or higher in order to be accepted on the course.



Independent and unbiased careers guidance is provided by Mrs Georgie Blackburn, a professional careers advisor, who visits the school once / twice a week during term time to meet with students individually and to give group talks. We try to arrange at least one appointment during KS4 for every Severn Vale student.

If you would like to book a careers appointment please email noakey@severnvaleschool.com

This guide will give you an idea of the types of qualifications you should be considering depending on your GCSE estimated grades – PLEASE NOTE THIS IS JUST A GUIDELINE



Just as Gloucestershire has a wide range of colleges it also has a wide range of Sixth Forms, each one having its own strengths and offering unique opportunities. Not all sixth forms are the same, and therefore please make sure you visit as many open-days as possible. Please click on the below Sixth Form name to be taken to their website and below you will also find up-to-date information on their open-days and taster sessions.

All Saints Academy -

Archway School Sixth Form -

Balcarras School -

Cheltenham Bournside School -

Chosen Hill School -

Churchdown School -

The Crypt School – Closing Date is the 20th January 2023

Denmark Road Sixth Form – Closing Date is the 3rd March 2023

Holmleigh Park Sixth Form -

Katherine Lady Berkley School -

Marling Sixth From – Closing Date is the 17th February 2023

Pates Sixth Form – Closing date is Monday 27th Feb 2023

Ribston Hall Sixth Form – Closing date is Tuesday 31st January 2023

<u>Sir Thomas Rich's Sixth Form</u> – Closing date is Tuesday 28th February 2023

St Peter's RC High School -

Stroud High School Sixth Form – Closing Date is the 3rd February 2023

The Crypt Vs Marling

This is just an example but I wanted to highlight the difference in offers a student might get from somewhere like the Crypt vs somewhere like Marling (I am only using these two schools as examples and the below is only to point out a technicality and NOT to recommend a student favours applying to one school or the other).

For The Crypt

- Students will need 6+ GCSEs at grade 6 or above
- Maths and English Language GCSE at grade 5 or above

For Marling

- Students will need **38 Points** across their **best 6 GCSE** grades (grade 7 is 7 points, grade 6 is 6 points etc..)
- Maths and English Language GCSE at grade 5 or above

This means if a student got the below grades they would probably NOT get into The Crypt as they do not have 6+ GCSEs at grade 6 or above but they would get into Marling as they have over 38 points across their best 6 grades (41 points in the example below).

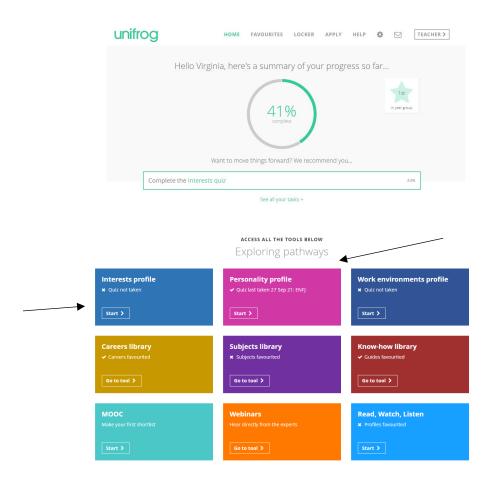
7/6 in Science,
8 in English Literature,
5 in Maths,
7 in Geography,
8 in Citizenship,
5 in English Language,
4 in Spanish

Unifrog

Launch of Unifrog

Last September saw the launch of Unifrog at Seven Vale School. To support our commitment to provide students with outstanding careers guidance and tailored support when choosing their next step after school, we will now be using Unifrog (an award-winning, online careers platform) as our main careers information tool. The Unifrog platform is designed to support learners in making the most informed decisions about their futures and has a range of tools that are suitable for all year groups. Each student (Years 7-11) has their own personal account that provides a wide range of information related to their interests and aspirations. We have also set up a parent login so that you can use Unifrog as if you were a student yourself, allowing you to support your child with their career's choices throughout their time at Severn Vale. Please signup using the form code **SVRVParents** and you can sign up at www.unifrog.org/code

During Term 1 please can all of Y10s and Y11s check they have access to Unifrog and reset their password if necessary. If you are having a problem identifying what to do for work experience or what you want to do Post-16 please try completing the Interest Quiz or Personality Quiz





While Severn Vale School's Y10 Work experience takes place in the 1st week of July (3rd -7th July 2023) work experience is not limited to this one week in July nor is it limited to just Y10s. I would encourage students from Y10 and Y11 to also have a placement in the summer holidays as well as taking advantage of the weekend 'insight into industry' days that are offered by local companies and the GROWS network. Please keep an eye out on the below for current work experience / insight into industry days that are advertised throughout the year.

NHS Insight Events – a must for anybody interested in working in the Health Care.



NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS	What's planned?
NEW Opportunity!	Do you want to find out more about as Healthcare
	Science Degree in Clinical Photography?
Healthcare Science Clinical Photography	
Degree Learner Engagement Event	This is a unique opportunity for students to find out
	and gain a better understanding of pathways
Wednesday 1 st March 2023, 9:30am via	available to have a career in Clinical Photography.
Microsoft Teams	
	Clinical Photography flipping book here
Please contact Tracy Longdenthurgood via	- <u>https://online.flippingbook.com/view/168</u>
email below to register your interest in	<u>95290/</u>
attending: <u>tlongdenthurgood@glos.ac.uk</u>	University of Gloucestershire's degree course information page
•	course information page https://www.glos.ac.uk/courses/course/h
	sc-bsc-healthcare-science
	Healthcare Science Practitioner
	Apprenticeship (Clinical Photography)
	information page
	 https://www.glos.ac.uk/courses/course/
	dahsc-da-healthcare-science-practitioner-
	16/

NEW EVENT!	Are you interested in a career in Nursing, Midwifery or Theatres - ODP (Operating
Nursing/Midwifery/Theatres open day	Department Practitioner)?
Saturday 4 th March 2023, 9am – 1pm, Redwood Education Centre, Gloucestershire Royal Hospital	Do you want to find out what it's really like to work in the hospital?
Tickets are now live Please use Chrome to open up the link, the event will be via Microsoft Teams <u>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/5224826</u> <u>98817</u>	This is a unique opportunity to find out about multiple clinical careers within Gloucestershire Hospitals in person! You will get the opportunity to talk to NHS staff and hear their real life experiences, ask questions about how to get your career in healthcare started and the benefits of working for the NHS at an interactive event.
Follow us on Twitter: @GH_Apprentices and Instagram: @ghft_apprenticeships	
'Save the Date' Maternity Q&A Career Awareness	The Maternity Q&A session aims to answers all your questions about a career in midwifery. From the subjects to choose for GCSE's, the application
session Monday 6 th March 2023, 17:00 -18:00, Microsoft Teams Tickets are now live Please use Chrome to open up the link,	process for university, personal statements, what a day in the life of midwife is like and many more. The panel who welcomes you to the event will comprise of newly qualified midwives, senior midwives, recruitment midwives and midwifery students, with a wealth of knowledge between us. Come along and see if we can inspire your career in Midwifery.
the event will be via Microsoft Teams <u>Maternity Q&A Career Awareness Session</u> <u>Tickets, Mon 6 Mar 2023 at 17:00 </u> <u>Eventbrite</u>	There will be an opportunity after the Q&A session to apply for our Midwifery Taster day. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to come to our hospital to get hands on with our midwifery training models.
Follow us on Twitter: @GH_Apprentices and Instagram:	For any questions please contact
@ghft_apprenticeships	<u>Claire.watson-</u> pople@nhs.net or Zainab.lawal3@nhs.net Lead Midwives for Recruitment and Retention.
	Open to: students, parents, carers, teachers and career advisors. This is an opportunity to find out more information about a career in midwifery.
'Save the Date' Healthcare Science Event	We will be holding a one day live event for our Healthcare Science Event at Gloucestershire University Business School.
Saturday 11 th March 2023	You will get to see our amazing Healthcare Science Workforce & our Allied Health Professionals
University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus, Business School Oxstalls Lane, Longlevens, GL2 9HW	showcasing the different roles available and why it's so important that science and technology is vital in patient care and thus changing lives for the better!

Tickets are now Live Please ask your students to book their place by using the Eventbrite link. We recommend they use Chrome to open up the link. https://HCS2023.eventbrite.com Follow us on Twitter: @GH_Apprentices and Instagram: @ghft_apprenticeships	You will also have the opportunity to speak to our Scientists & Allied Health Professionals about the different pathways and careers available, including the opportunity to have a go at using some of their amazing equipment. Targeted from Year 9 and above, but all ages welcome!
NEW EVENT! Childrens Nursing Wednesday 15 th February 2023, 17:00 – 18:00, Microsoft Teams Tickets are now live Please use Chrome to open up the link, the event will be via Microsoft Teams Children's Nursing Q&A Career Awareness Session Tickets, Wed 15 Feb 2023 at 17:00 Eventbrite	Join us for our Children's Nursing Q&A careers awareness session. This session aims to answer all your questions about a career in Children's Nursing at Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. From the subjects to choose for GCSE's; the application process for University; personal statements; what a day in the life of a Paediatric Nurse is like; and many more. The panel who welcomes you to the event will comprise of the Paediatric Professional Development Team, a Charge Nurse, a Newly registered Paediatric Nurse and a Healthcare Assistant who completed their Apprenticeship with us in the Paediatrics Department at Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
Follow us on Twitter: @GH_Apprentices and Instagram: @ghft_apprenticeships	Come along and see if we can inspire your career in Paediatrics. There will be an opportunity after the Q&A session to apply for our Paediatric taster session.
'Save the Date' Business Q&A Career Awareness Session Monday 17 th April 2023, 17:30 – 18:30, Microsoft Teams	Are you an organised person who wants to help others? The Business Admin Q&A is an exciting opportunity to find out more information about some of the career opportunities in Business roles within the NHS. This event is open to students Year 9 plus, Parents, Carers, Teachers & Career Advisors.
Tickets are now livePlease use Chrome to open up the link, the event will be via Microsoft Teamshttps://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/4937969 69027Follow us on Twitter: @GH_Apprentices and Instagram: @ghft_apprenticeships	

Dentistry – a must for anybody interested in working in Dentistry

For Students in:- Years 10-12

A free, virtual Get into Dentistry conference on Saturday 18th February (10am - 3pm). I will lead your students step-by-step through the entire UCAS application process to maximise their chances of getting into dental school.

All aspiring dentists and students still thinking about their career paths are welcome!

Registration link https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1

We have also put together a Get into Dentistry conference brochure for your school. Please feel free to distribute it among your students. They'll just need to scan the QR code to register: https://medicmentor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Updated-GID-Brochure.pdf

The conference will cover:

- How to get dental work experience
- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Dental Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Interviews
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- UCAT and BMAT Entrance Exams to Dental School
- Accessing Scholarships

All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for safeguarding purposes.

Registration Link: https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1

QR Code Brochure:

https://medicmentor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Updated-GID-Brochure.pdf

Thank you very much for forwarding this to your students, I'm very excited to meet them there!

Best wishes,

Dr Alicia Mead, Chief Dental Mentor, Your Medic Family

Enquiry Form: https://airtable.com/shrM6UPT8Z2uxx7OL Website: https://medicmentor.co.uk/ Dental Mentor Line: 01530 417299 (Open 10am - 5pm Monday - Friday)

If you wish to unsubscribe from all further emails, you can do this quickly and easily here https://airtable.com/shr9QfiMygdJDP7B

Renishaw work experience – a must for any Y10 who is interested in Engineering, Business or Software.

Work experience weeks (renishaw.com)



Thinking about going to University? – a great opportunity for any Y10 who is interested in university.

The Outreach Team at the University of Gloucestershire are running a free four-day summer residential for Yr10 students in Year 10: Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 July 2023 Please note this is over and above the SVS work experience week and successful candidates will be give the time off school to attend.

What does university life involve? Find out by experiencing living, studying and socialising on a university campus.

With a choice of different interactive subject taster workshops, societies, sports and activities, you'll get a taste of what university life is really like. Meet students from other schools and explore student life with our ambassadors living on campus with you.

Post-16 Timeline

I have had some requests from parents & students for a suggested timeline around Post-16 applications for current Year 10s – please find a guide below for Current Year 10s:-

July -September 2023 - There are lots of school Sixth Forms and Colleges in Gloucestershire and so using the summer holidays to whittle them down to a shortlist may well be a sensible first step in deciding where to go after Severn Vale School. Why not begin researching via Unifrog or 6th Form / Colleges own websites. Aim to compile a short-list of Post-16 choices by the end of September, having checked first that your GCSE estimated grades are on target to meet the course requirements. Following this you need to apply to attend a selection of open-days / open evenings (Top tip - If applicable - remember to research what student bursaries are available for you to apply for e.g. travel bursaries).

Sept - November 2023 - Attend at least two College or Sixth Form open-days (these may be inperson or virtual open-days depending on Covid-19). Most colleges only have a couple of open days a year, while some Sixth Forms only have one a year and so you do need to get organised early. Please note you will find many of the popular colleges open-days get full early. (**Top tip** - Severn Vale School will be issuing all students with a list of open-days at the start of September but some are already being advertised (see Colleges & Sixth Form pages of Newsletter for more information)).

FLD 23th November 2023 - Severn Vale School will be taking all of Year 11 off timetable for the day to allow them to visit a Post-16 destination of their choice. Transport will be provided by Severn Vale School, however as students are only able to visit one venue, it is important that students choose carefully. As well as getting to see the facilities, an open day is a great opportunity to find out more about the different courses on offer from those who teach and study it - current students and academic staff. (**Top tip** - For many students choosing a college or sixth form is a bit like buying a house - and so you may well find that you end up going with your gut feeling and choosing the college or sixth form that feels like it could be your home for the next 2 years. Remember what is right for your friends might not be right for you).

November – December 2023 - January 2024 - Submit applications to College / Sixth Forms (**Top tip** - you can submit multiple applications and can also accept courses at more than one provider, and you do not need to decide on where you are going until GCSE Results Day in August 2023)

December 2023 – Complete, via Unifrog, your Post-16 destination form, remembering to include a Plan A and a Plan B – this information will allow us to be able to review all of Year 11s applications and do a check on suitability and ensure all of Year 11 have the balance right between being aspirational and attainable.

January - February 2024 - If appropriate - apply to local grammar schools - please see their website for the application window (normally only a few weeks).

February - May 2024 - If appropriate - apply for apprenticeships via either Unifrog or Find and Apprenticeship website <u>Find an apprenticeship (findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)</u>

August 2024- GCSE results day - decide on which Post-16 place you are going to enrol at.